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SUBJ: LEBANESE CRISIS: LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
FROM AMBASSADOR GHORRA (LEBANON)

REF: USUN 2738

1. REFTEL TRANSMITTED A LETTER DATED JULY 1 TO THE SC PRESIDENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARAB GROUP AT THE UN OPPOSING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON. LEBANESE PERMREP GHORRA REPLIED TO THIS LETTER JULY 12 STATING THAT THE LEBANESE DELEGATION OBJECTED TO THE ARAB GROUP LETTER, THAT THE ARAB GROUP HAS NO JURISDICTION TO TAKE SUCH DECISIONS, AND THAT THE JULY 1 LETTER WAS PURPOSELESS SINCE THERE WAS NO REQUEST BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE LEBANESE SITUATION.

2. TEXT OF AMBASSADOR GHORRA'S LETTER CIRCULATED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL MEMBERS BY PRESIDENT OF SC FOLLOWS:

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE HONOUR TO REFER TO LETTER NO.QAT/UN/4/3/A-25  
DATED JULY 1, 1976, ADDRESSED TO YOUR EXCELLENCY BY  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF QATAR, IN HIS CAPACITY AS  
CHAIRMAN OF ARAB GROUP, FOR CURRENT MONTH OF JULY.

IN THIS LETTER, CHAIRMAN OF ARAB GROUP STATED THAT HIS  
GROUP "IS AGAINST ANY CONSIDERATION BY SC OF SITUATION IN  
LEBANON".

I WISH TO MAKE FOLLOWING REMARKS REGARDING THIS LETTER:

A) MEETING AT WHICH LETTER WAS DECIDED TO BE SENT WAS  
HELD DESPITE OBJECTION OF LEBANESE DEL AND IN ITS ABSENCE.  
THEREFORE LETTER DOES NOT CARRY ITS CONCURRENCE.

B) LETTER STATED OBJECTION OF ARAB GROUP AGAINST ANY  
CONSIDERATION BY SC OF SITUATION IN LEBANON. AS IT IS EVIDENT  
TO YOU THERE WAS NO REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SUCH  
A SITUATION. LETTER WAS THEREFORE WITHOUT OBJECT.

C) ARAB GROUP HAS NO POWER OR JURISDICTION TO TAKE  
DECISIONS OF THIS NATURE.

D) LEBANON ALONE, IN EXERCISE OF ITS ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF  
SOVEREIGNTY, CAN DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO RESORT TO SC.

I KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO CONVEY CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER  
TO MEMBERS OF SC.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION.

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